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1. JAPAN

WSTAR (5/26) REPORTS CAPITOL HILL LEADERS HONORED AMB MANS-
FIELD AT 5/25 SWEARING IN; SEN MAJORITY LEADER BYRD SAID
APPOINTMENT MARKED ENTRY INTO NEW ERA, ADDING, "OUR FRIENDS
IN THE EAST WILL NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY AN
INSCRUTABLE AMERICAN."

COURT-ORDERED REPORT MADE TO USG RAISED TO POSSIBLE 38
MIL DOLS TOTAL BRIBES/OTHER QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS LOCKHEED
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MADE OVERSEAS TO WIN CONTRACTS. PREVIOUS FIGURE LESS
THAN 25 MIL (WITKIN, NYT). JONES/BERRY (WP) NOTE FORMER
JAPANESE PM TANAKA FORMALLY CHARGED W/TAKING 1.6 MIL
OF TOTAL 12.6 MIL PAID TO JAPANESE OFFICIALS BY LOCKHEED.
ACCORDING SENATE INVESTIGATION, OVER 7 MIL WENT TO RT-WING
OFFICIAL KODAMA.

BANK OF JAPAN'S NY REP CAUTIONED NJ WORLD TRADE COUNCIL
AUDIENCE 5/24 AGAINST WIDESPREAD RESTRAINTS ON JAPANESE
IMPORTS; URGED INSTEAD IMPORT PROMO US GOODS TO JAPAN,

SINCE IT SERVES EXPANSION RATHER THAN CONTRACTION WORLD
TRADE (ZARATE, JOC).

GOJ DECIDES SUPPORT 600-MIL-DOL PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX TO BE
BUILT IN SINGAPORE BY SUMITOMO CHEMICAL. PROJECT ORIGINALLY
SCRAPPED BEFORE OIL CRISIS/WILL NOW DEFINITELY GO AHEAD
(JOC TOKYO).

MOF ANNOUNCES FON INVESTMENTS IN JAPANESE SECURITIES/BONDS
SHOWED SUBSTANTIAL DECLINE IN APRIL, RESULTING IN NET
FON INVESTMENT SHOWING 37
MIL
DOL DEFICIT (UPI, JOC).

2. PHILIPPINES

THIRTY-SEVEN FILIPINOS DETAINED IN POLICE RAIDS LAST MO/HELD
SINCE THEN W/O CHARGE HAVE PETITIONED MARCOS FOR RELEASE.
COPIES OF PETITIONS DELIVERED TO FON REPORTERS 5/27.
PEOPLE DETAINED FOLLOWING RAIDS IN MANILA SUBURBS BY POLICE
SEARCHING FOR SUBVERSIVE DOCUMENTS (REUTER MANILA).

3. INDONESIA

NYT'S ANDELMAN, ON AMBON, REPORTS MOST MOLUCCANS CRITICAL
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OF TERRORISTS' ACTIVITIES IN NETHERLANDS. SAYS WHILE SO
FAR THESE EVENTS HAVE NOT BEEN REFLECTED IN ANY NEW GOI
ARRESTS IN MOLUCCAS, FEARS OF REPRISALS PERSIST.

4. CHINA

FOR FIRST TIME SINCE MAO DEATH, SOVS HAVE PUBLISHED PROTEST
NOTE TO CHINESE. NOTE CHARGES PRC ALIGNING SELF WITH
IGNORING MOSCOW EFFORTS IMPROVE RELS (WP).

ACCORDING CK YEN'S AIDES, DAVID ROCKEFELLER TOLD ROC PRES
FRI THAT CHASE MANHATTAN BANK WILL CONTINUE LEND MONEY FOR
ECON DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN YEARS TO COME (REUTER TAIPEI).

5. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

AT LEAST 2 RTG BORDER PATROL POLICE KILLED THURS WHEN TRUCK
HIT MINE PLANTED BY KR NEAR BORDER. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS
SAY 6 OTHERS AMONG REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO SCENE INJURED
IN 2ND EXPLOSION (REUTER BANGKOK).

6. KOREA

SUN/NYT CARRY TRANSCRIPT PRES' THURS TV NEWS CONF IN WHICH

SINGLAUB TRANSFER/STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS SK DISCUSSED
INTER ALIA; WP HAS EXCERPTED TEXT. CORDDRY (SUN) NOTES
PRES DEFENDED TROOP W/DRAWAL AS SAFE COURSE ACTION/SAID
SINGLAUB COMMITTED "SERIOUS BREACH" IN OPPOSING SET GOVT
POLICY. SAYS CARTER DEALT PARTIALLY W/KEY ISSUE RAISED
AT CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY: BREADTH/DEPTH CONSULTATION THAT
PRECEDED DECISION ON PULLOUT THAT HAD PROMISED IN CAMPAIGN.
QUOTES PRES ESSENCE KOREAN MATTER IS WHETHER US SHOULD
KEEP TROOPS THERE PERMANENTLY, EVEN IF NOT NEEDED TO
MAINTAIN STABILITY OF PENINSULA. BECKMAN (CHITRIB) REPORTS
PRES EMPHASIZED CONTINUED COMMITMENT OF US TO SK/DEFENDED
W/DRAWAL DECISION.
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WEINRAUB (NYT) NOTES PRES' COMMENTS ON SINGLAUB AFFAIR/
TROOP PULLOUT CAME W/1ST SUBSTANTIAL SIGNS CONGRESSIONAL
UNREST OVER W/DRAWAL PLANS. BELIEVES SOME CONGRESSMEN
DISTURBED BY SINGLAUB'S REMARKS BEFORE HOUSE SUBCMTE
THAT MOST US MIL/CIVILIAN OFFICIALS IN SK OPPOSE W/DRAWAL
AND THAT US MIL COMMAND HAS NOT YET RECEIVED CLEAR
EXPLANATION REASONS.

WALSH/WILSON (WP) REVIEW PRES' NEWS CONF. NOTE OTHER
DEVELOPMENTS IN SINGLAUB AFFAIR, INCL SUGGESTION AT
SEOUL BY TOP PARK AIDE THAT SK MIGHT PUSH FOR DEVELOPMENT
NUKE WEAPONS IF US REMOVES TACTICAL NUKE WEAPONS WELL AS
TROOPS. REPORT JCS SPOKESMAN SAID CHIEFS HAD POSED NO
OBJECTION TO W/DRAWAL. POINT OUT HASC'S CHMN PRICE
(D-ILL) WANTS FULL CMTE TAKE OVER EXAMINATION W/DRAWAL
POLICY, DUE IMPORTANCE ISSUE. SUGGEST ANY ATTEMPT SK
DEVELOP OWN NUKES WOULD RUN HEAD-ON INTO PRES' STANCE VS
NUKE PROLIFERATION; NOTE SK SIGNED NPT. WP CARRIES
INSTITUTE STRATEGIC STUDIES CHART COMPARING ARMED FORCES/
EQUIPMENT BOTH KOREAS.

WILSON NOTES FULL HASC WILL PURSUE PRES' KOREAN POLICY
RATHER THAN JUST SUBCMTE. SAYS SOME FEEL PRICE'S
BROADENING OF INQUIRY MAY BE ATTEMPT REIN IN REP STRATTON,
THO OTHERS DENY. ADDS HASC CONSIDERING HEARING FROM MIL
CHIEFS IN CLOSED SESSION SO THEY WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION
OF ATTACKING PRES PUBLICLY WHEN ASKED GIVE PERSONAL
OPINION W/DRAWAL PLAN.

SAAR (WP), AT SEOUL, NOTES PUBLIC ALARM OVER US TROOP
PULLOUT SURFACED IN DEMONSTRATIONS THURS: POLICE DISPERSED
MIDDAY ANTI-WITHDRAWAL MARCH THRU SEOUL BY 500 CHRISTIANS
WHO OPPOSED US PULLOUT; AT EARLIER DOWNTOWN PRAYER MTG, US
PULLOUT CALLED INVITATION TO WAR. ANOTHER CHRISTIAN GROUP
OF ABOUT 100 ASSEMBLED OUTSIDE AMB SNEIDER'S RESIDENCE TO
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PROTEST PULLOUT. ADDS OPPOSITION DEMOCRATIC UNIFICATION PARTY CONVENTION ENDED IN MELEE W/POLICE WHEN DELEGATES WENT INTO STREET CHANTING ANTI-GOVT SLOGANS; HOSPITALIZED WAS PARTY PRES YANG IL DONG, WHO WAS TO HAVE ATTENDED RECEPTION GIVEN BY HABIB/BROWN.

SAAR NOTES HABIB/BROWN COMPLETED 2ND DAY DISCUSSIONS W/ PARK/DEFMIN/FONMIN ON PHASE-OUT. ADDS HABIB ALSO SAW NUMBER OPPOSITION POLITICIANS/US MISSIONARIES/RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN LINE W/PROMISE TAKE CROSS-SECTION PUBLIC OPINION. MENTIONS DISSIDENTS INVITED TO RECEPTION. REPORTS ARTICLE IN GOVT-CONTROLLED PAPER ATTACKED INVITATIONS TO CONVICTED DISSIDENTS AS CHALLENGE TO SK LEGAL SYSTEM.

KAMM (NYT) AT SEOUL SAYS HABIB AT RECEPTION TOLD FORMER ROK PRES YUN PO SUN THAT US STRONGLY COMMITTED TO HUMAN RTS EVERYWHERE, BUT HAS NOT YET PRESSED OTHER COUNTRIES ENFORCE THEM. KAMM STATES ROKG LET BE KNOWN, THRU INFORMAL CHANNELS, WAS OFFENDED BY SNEIDER'S DECISION INVITE CONVICTED DISSIDENTS TO HABIB/BROWN RECEPTION. ADDS NOT KNOWN WHETHER PM CHOI KYU HAH'S ABSENCE, THO INVITED, WAS REACTION TO PRESENCE DISSIDENTS.

CSM'S MORITZ AT SEOUL NOTES PRESENCE DISSIDENTS AT RECEPTION. BELIEVES CARTER ADMIN ONCE AGAIN EXPRESSING CONCERN RE HUMAN RTS ISSUE--THO US OFFICIALS PUBLICLY DISCOUNT SIGNIFICANCE INVITATIONS, SAY IN LINE W/PRACTICE FOR "REPRESENTATIVE CROSS SECTION" TO BE GUESTS US AMB. ADDS HABIB HAS LONGTIME FRIENDS SEOUL IN MANY WALKS LIFE. QUOTES US SOURCE THAT AMEMB DEALING MORE OPENLY W/DISSIDENTS THAN IN PAST.

AT SEOUL DEPARTURE, HABIB SAID BELIEVES DISCUSSIONS OPEN/COOPERATIVE/WIDE-RANGING, HAVE LAID BASIS FOR COOPERATIVE EFFORT IN ADDRESSING W/DRAWAL ISSUES/CONTINUED SUPPORT SK (REUTER SEOUL). HABIB/BROWN ARRIVED TOKYO FRI, GREETED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY FONMIN/DIR GEN DEFENSE AGENCY. WILL SEE PM FUKUDA SATURDAY; EXPECTED DISCUSS PULLOUT US TROOPS FROM SK (REUTER TOKYO).

7. GENERAL

IN ARTICLE RE TROUBLES USSR BANKS ENCOUNTERING OVERSEAS, WOHL (CSM) MENTIONS FAIRLY BIG LOANS TO NK/ZAIRE BY PARIS BANK EXPLAINED BY PRESENCE POL COMMISSARS; BANKS HAVE BECOME ENGAGED IN RISKY/POLITICALLY MOTIVATED OPNS. ADDS SINGAPORE BRANCH LOST 60 MILLION DOLS THRU CREDITS GIVEN DOUBTFUL CHINESE OPERATOR.

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8. INDOCHINA

GARETH PORTER (CO-AUTHOR, "CAMBODIA: STARVATION AND REVOLUTION") WRITES WSTAR LENGTHY LETTER (5/26) ATTACKING 5?14 EDIT'S "DISTORTIONS AND FALSEHOODS" ABOUT CONDITIONS IN CAMBODIA.

LORENZ (JOC BANGKOK) INTERVIEWS FORMER VP BANGKOK BANK, WHO SAYS THAI ECONOMY FUNCTIONS "IN SPITE" GOVT BUREAUCRACY, "NOT BECAUSE OF IT." NOTES FON BUSINESSES ENCOUNTER MAZE REGULATIONS DUE TRADITIONAL THAI XENOPHOBIA, THO SITUATION IMPROVING AS NEW GENERATION THAI-CHINESE BUSINESSMEN EMERGE W/ECONOMICS PH.D'S EARNED ABROAD.

9. KOREA

CHITRIB SAYS CARTER, AT 5/26 NEWS CONF, "DID NOT QUITE ADDRESS GEN. SINGLAUB'S POINT" RE W/DRAWAL SERVING TO ENTICE ATTACK FROM NK. BELIEVES THIS IMPRESSION LEFT UNCLASSIFIED

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WHEN CARTER SAID POLICY "EXPLAINED" TO MIL IN NATURE OF "THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO, SO SHUT UP AND GET GOING." STATES "FOR ALL WE KNOW," DISCUSSIONS W/MIL "WERE AS ONE-SIDED AS HIS 'EXPLANATION' TO THE PEOPLE IN KOREA." ADDS SOME WHO ATTENDED SESSION W/PARK SUGGESTED HE ACCEPTED W/DRAWAL "ABOUT AS READLY AS A SAILOR ACCEPTS WALKING THE PLANK." ASKS IF CARTER ACTUALLY HAD MIL SUPPORT FOR POLICY, OR WHETHER HE IS SIMPLY CARRYING OUT "ILL INFORMED" CAMPAIGN PROMISE.

SUN REMARKS IF THERE IS NKOREAN ATTACK AFTER PULLOUT, OR EVEN STEPPED-UP INCURSIONS, CARTER WON'T BE ABLE BLAME IT ON INCORRECT MIL ADVICE--"HE ALONE WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE." STATES US PRESENCE IN KOREA MAY NOT BE "PERMANENT" IN LITERAL SENSE, "BUT AFTER 27 YEARS IT REMAINS VERY DURABLE."

SEN GOLDWATER IS "DISTURBED" AT TREATMENT ACCORDED SINGLAUB/PUZZLED OVER ADMIN'S SK POLICY (WEINTRAUB, NYT).

FORMER SECDEF LAIRD SUPPORTS PRES' PLANNED PULLOUT GROUND TROOPS FROM SK (REUTER WASHINGTON). REP STRATTON (D-NY) PLANS CALL JCS BEFORE HOUSE SUBCMTE; SAYS MAY ASK ABOUT RATIONALE FOR W/DRAWAL (GUIDRY, WSTAR 5/26).

10. CHINA

HAL PIPER (SUN'S MOSCOW BUREAU) SAYS SOV NOTE TO PRC DELIVERED IN MOSCOW MAY 19 BUT PUBLISHED THURS NIGHT IN IZVESTIA/TASS. IT ACCUSED CHINESE PROPAGANDA BODIES/OFFICIALS

AT ALL LEVELS OF LYING AS MATTER POLICY TO OWN PEOPLE AND TO WORLD ABOUT ACHIEVEMENTS/POLICIES/REALITIES OF LIFE IN USSR. NOTE TERMED CHINESE CAMPAIGN "NO DIFFERENT" FROM FALSE IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA.

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PIPER COMMENTS RENEWED SOV ATTACKS ON PRC IN RECENT WKS MAKE CLEAR MOSCOW HAS ABANDONED HOPE FOR IMPROVING RELS PEKING AFTER MAO DEATH. SAYS IT SET FINAL SEAL ON RESUMPTION HOSTILITIES/LACKS EVEN USUAL REFERENCES TRADITIONAL SOV-CHINESE FRIENDSHIP/SEEMED MAKE QUARREL BETW TWO GOVTS RATHER THAN IDEOLOGICAL AFFAIR. SEES CLEAR INDICATION MOSCOW NOW REGARDS CURRENT PRC LEADERSHIP AS FIRMLY EN

TRENCHED/RESPONSIBLE FOR OWN ACTIONS/IRREDEEMABLY ANTI-SOVIET.

FORMER VICE PRES NCUSCT EUGENE THEROUX TOLD TAIWAN NEWS CONF THURS HE FORESEES NO PROSPECT PRC MARKET WILL OPEN SOON TO W PRODUCTS/PEKING FEARS CANNOT IMPORT W GOODS/TECHNOLOGY W/OUT BECOMING WESTERNIZED. THEROUX VISITING TAIWAN AS GUEST CHINESE NATL ASSN OF INDUSTRY/COMMERCE (REUTER TAIPEI 5/26).

11. HONG KONG

SUN'S LEWTHWAITE WRITES OF TROUBLES IN NY GARMENT DISTRICT STEMMING FROM CHEAP CLOTHING IMPORTS FROM HK/ELSEWHERE IN ASIA. CITES COMMERCE DEPT REPORT THAT CLOTHING IMPORTS APRIL UP 7 PCT OVER MARCH. NY GARMENT EMPLOYER COMPLAINS HARDER OPERATE BUSINESS. MORE LARGE ORDERS SENT HK/TAIWAN/OTHER ASIAN AREAS BECAUSE OF LOW RATES VS NY 'S MIN 3.65 PER HR. VANCE

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